



Update on Child Care Pre & Post COVID-19

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Timeline of Emergency Child Care (ECC)

- **March 8:** Governor Brown declares State of Emergency
- **March 23:** Executive Order 20-12 closed child care March 25 - April 28
 - Established Emergency Child Care
 - Prioritized child care for essential workers
- **April 23:** Executive Order 20-19 extending closure of child care
- **April 24:** 2nd Temporary Order
- **May 16:** Updated Statewide Standards for Child Care Operations
- **August 14:** Release of the revised Guidelines





Child Care Under COVID-19 Guidelines

The Early Learning Division developed COVID-19 health and safety guidance in partnership with the Oregon Health Authority. We used the latest data and best practices to protect the health and well-being of staff, children, and families in child care. The guidance addressed the following areas:

- Drop off and Pick up Procedures
- Family Engagement
- Group Size and Stable Groups
- Personal Protective Equipment for Children and Adults
- Cleaning and Building Maintenance
- Responding to Possible and Confirmed Cases of COVID-19

Emergency Supplies For Providers

- ELD wants to help ensure child care providers have personal protective equipment (PPE) for safe operations by providing free supplies.
- Gov. Brown with the Emergency Board allocated \$1.3M for supply procurement from GEER funds.
- ELD partnered with Business Oregon to create a portal for providers to apply for supplies.



Oregon
FREE SUPPLIES FOR SMALL BUSINESS AND CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

Supplies for Small Businesses & Child Care Providers

The Governor's office in partnership with the Oregon Legislature's Emergency Board, allocated \$10 Million from the federal CARES Act funding for the purchase of supplies including masks and gloves for small business. The State of Oregon is fulfilling orders at no charge until resources are depleted.

Due to impacts from wildfires across the region there may be a delay in shipments. Orders will continue to be processed. Thank you for your patience.

SMALL BUSINESSES
Request Supplies

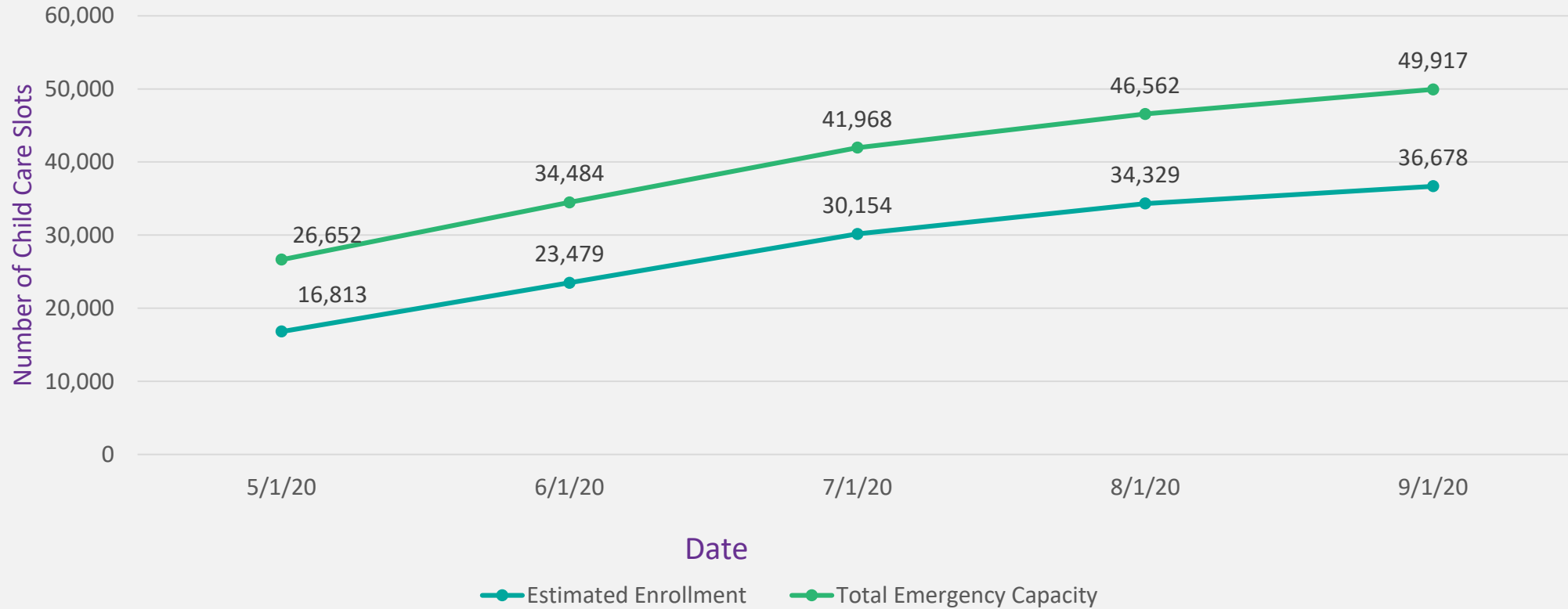
CHILD CARE PROVIDERS
Request Supplies



Child Care Enrollment & Capacity

Before the COVID-19 Emergency, Oregon had 3,835 providers and 128,819 available child care slots.

Capacity Trend by Date





Federal Relief Funding for Oregon

Emergency Child Care Funding		
Funding Source	CARES Act	Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF)
TOTAL FUNDING	\$38,595,401	\$30,000,000
Phase 1 ECC	\$7,870,000	
Phase 2 ECC		\$5,300,000
Emergency ERDC set aside for DHS	\$7,000,000	
Opportunity Providers		\$14,155,240
Increased Distribution to other Providers		\$9,044,698
Training on guidance for providers		\$1,500,000
REMAINING	\$23,725,401	\$0

Opportunity Grants: Focusing Resources to Maintain Supply in Hardest Hit Communities

Identify census tracts

1. Child care deserts, *also* identified with high and concentrated poverty or residential racial isolation
2. Adjacent high and concentrated poverty census tracts
3. Rural census tracts
4. Census tracts in which the majority of children under age 5 are children of color, and child care desert

ECC provider sites identified within 388 census tracts



ERDC Response to COVID-19



Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) Policy Changes

- Eliminated Copays for all families
- Increase income eligibility to 85% SMI/250% FPL
- Expanded absence & closure payment policy
- New guidance on use of ERDC during distance learning



How has COVID-19 pandemic impacted the state of child care?

- Supply problem is worse – 60% of providers have closed and the majority are unlikely to re-open.
- Likely that much of the workforce has detached from child care.
- Impact of comprehensive distance learning and school closures are creating new need for school-age care.

